

# Gargunnoch House

Near Stirling, Scotland

Accommodation for 16 people.  
5 twin-bedrooms; 3 double-bedrooms. 5 baths (no showers).  
Dishwasher & washing machine.  
Open fire. Large garden.  
Adjacent parking. Dogs allowed.



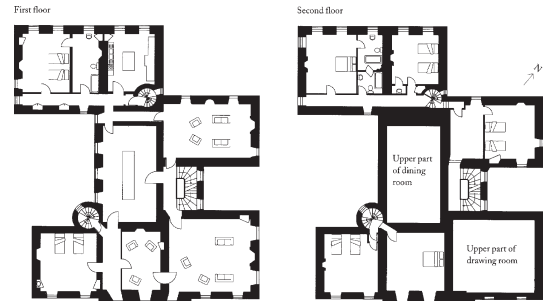
The main front of Gargunnoch, when approached through the park, looks regular, classical, serenely late Georgian. But this facade of 1794 is only skin deep, imposing order on additions made then and in the previous two centuries to an old tower, which still forms the core of the house.

The old tower also dictates that the main rooms are on the first floor, above the traditional vaulted basement. Of these, unquestionably the finest is the drawingroom; it contains a piano on which, just possibly, Frederic Chopin once played.

Gargunnoch was bought in 1835 by Charles Stirling, a Glasgow merchant and son of an old Perthshire family. His sister, Jane, was Chopin's pupil and friend. She brought him to Scotland in 1848, taking him to stay with her sisters and cousins, and family tradition is firm that he came here too.

The late Miss Viola Stirling was the last of her family. She left Gargunnoch to trustees who now let it, with our help, for holidays.

Staying here feels rather as if the family has gone away for a while. They have taken their personal things with them, but the furniture remains, the flower garden is cared for, the park is grazed and the estate maintained in orderly fashion.



There is fine country in all directions, and Stirling is nearby, but most of all you can enjoy living briefly in this graceful and pleasantly old-fashioned country house at the foot of the Gargunnoch Hills.

Gargunnoch House is one of the many Landmark Trust properties available for rental. David Fogle and Rob Stephenson have reserved it for one week from Friday **27 April** through to Friday **4 May, 2001**. Initially we are each inviting up to 7 people to participate in this Scottish houseparty (for a total of 16). David and Rob have done this in the past two years, at Goddards in Surrey and the Villa Saraceno in Italy. Both weeks were memorable for all. The price per person for the week will be **\$225**. In the past we have had a food and supplies kitty which all contribute to and reimburse themselves from after shopping. Rooms will be assigned later by David and Rob based

whenever possible on preferences and needs. There is a possibility, for those interested, to stay a few days after May 4th at Kiplin Hall, near Richmond, No. Yorkshire, an historic property which David has been involved in for years (home of the Calvert's who founded Maryland).

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<http://www.landmarktrust.co.uk>

<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/towns/townfirst527.html>